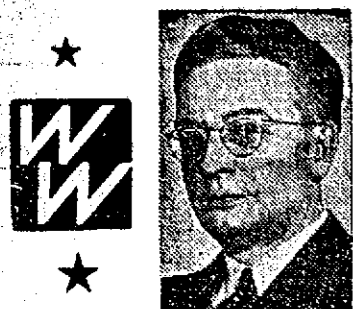


British Determined to Take Lead in Asia Campaign



By GLENN BABB
(Substituting for
DeWitt MacKenzie)

The British have given new proof of their determination to seize the initiative in this winter's campaign in southeastern Asia, which may decide whether the United Nations will be able to give China the aid needed to sustain her as an effective ally. Planes of the Fleet Air Arm, launched from a force operating in the Bay of Bengal, have made a heavy, punishing attack on Sabang, at the northern tip of Sumatra, the logical site for a base from which planes and small naval craft could dominate the western approaches to Malaya and Burma.

Doubtless it is used for that purpose by the Japanese and therefore has become the target for one of the most spectacular blows struck thus far in the reopening of the Bay of Bengal is a prerequisite for any large scale drive into Burma, and the British supported by United States Army Air forces based in India and in consultation with the American leader in the losing fight of last spring, Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, evidently are out to win that domination.

Sabang is the most distant target yet attacked, but the raid there is part of the preparatory phase that has been going on for weeks. Already American fliers have lashed at the Andaman islands, farther north, and both the Americans and British have held the principal Japanese centers and communication lines in Burma itself under almost daily attack for weeks. The Japanese, obviously nervous over the prospect of a major offensive by General Wavell's Indian Army, are striking back as best they can, having raided Calcutta for three nights running and sent their planes several times to seek out the bases not only of the Indian army in the east but those of the Ferry Service maintained chiefly by American pilots across Assam and the Himalaya foothills to China.

Apparently the British Army's trust into western Burma last week is not the beginning of the major offensive which Wavell has promised sooner or later to redeem Burma and reopen the road for real help for China. Although it has made good progress down the Arakan coast and was last reported approaching Akyab, it seems to be merely part of the ground-clearing phase. The overland route from India into Burma, which the British and Stilwell's Chinese traced in reverse that bitter, agonizing retreat of last spring, is so difficult as to make it highly unlikely that Wavell will depend on it when the time comes for the real

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 23 —(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 10,000; market steady to 5 lower; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. 14.85-14.90; top 14.95; few 280-300 lbs. 14.77-14.80; 140-160 lbs. 14.00-14.65; mostly 14.10 and up; 100-130 lbs. 13.00-13.90; sows 14.00-14.35; stags mostly 14.25 down.

Cattle, 2500; calves, 1000; steers in fairly liberal supply; some early deals weak to 25 lower at 12.25-14.25; other classes in light supply and opening steady; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 11.00-13.00; common and medium cows 9.25-11.50; canners and cutters 6.75-9.00; medium and good sausage bulls 11.00-12.75; vealers 5.00 higher; good and choice 16.25; medium and good 13.75 and 15.00; nominal range slaughter steers 10.75-16.00; slaughter heifers 9.50-13.50; stockers and feeders 9.00-13.75.

Sheep, 1000; market not established.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Dec. 23 —(P)—Poultry, live, firm, 36 trucks hens, under 4 lbs 23, 4-5 1-2 lbs 26, over 5 1-2 lbs 26; leghorns, under 4 lbs 20; 4-5 1-5 lbs 20; fryers, 3-4 lbs all 28 1-2; springs, 4-5 12 lbs, colored, Plymouth Rock, White Rock 31 1-2, over 5 1-2 lbs 33 1-2; broilers, under 3 lbs, colored, Plymouth Rock, White Rock 27; Leghorn chickens 24; roasters, 3-12, lbs down 18, over 5 1-2 lbs 19; stags 27 1-2; ducks 5 1-2 lbs down 10, over 5 1-2 lbs 21; geese 25; capons 8 lbs up 37, under 8 lbs 36, 33 1-2; turkeys young, under 18 lbs 35, 18-22 lbs 33; old hens 30; old turkeys 29; no. 2 28.

Butter, receipts 264,349; firm; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current unchanged.

Eggs, receipts 6,386; firm prices unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 23 —(P)—Specialized strength continued in today's stock market although many leaders slipped into minus territory after a forenoon recovery shift failed to follow through.

It was a duplication of numerous pre-Christmas sessions when commitments usually are trimmed for the holiday which, this year, some Wall streets planned to extend from Thursday to Monday. Tax selling was stressed by large blocks of low and medium priced issues at the start and, while slow intervals were plentiful, transfers for the full proceedings were around 900,000 shares.

Assorted stocks were aided by actual and prospective earnings. Others moved up on short covering. Several peace-related issues seemed heartened by the persistently optimistic war news.

Gains of fractions to a point or thing. A force of sufficient size to expel the Japanese from Burma probably must be largely transported and certainly supplied by water. That explains why the British Navy is ranging the Bay of Bengal.

It is still too early to tell whether the United Nations or the Japanese will hold the initiative in this campaign. Early indications are that it may be fought on two major fronts, with the Japanese on the defensive against the British and Americans in the west and on the offensive against the Chinese and Americans in the east. They already have attacked at two points on the south western rim of China's Yunnan province, but neither thrust was strong enough to indicate their plan of campaign. Quite likely the real Japanese drive, if the Allies do not forestall it by the diversion from India, will fall on China from some other direction, possibly from French Indo-China. At any rate it seems on the cards that the Japanese must make one more attempt this winter to knock China out of the war before her Allies can relieve the virtual siege she now sustains. If the Japanese succeed we shall be robbed of continental battlegrounds and bases from which the Japanese homeland can be attacked and years may be added to the war's duration.

so predominated in the morning. These were reduced or eliminated in the majority of cases after midday and irregularly ruled in the final hour.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 23 —(P)—Corn prices were up almost a cent a bushel at one stage of trading today due to greatly improved shipping business but wheat and rye lost as much at times as a result of uncertainty about the flour price ceiling program.

These extreme price changes were modified before the close due largely to evening up of accounts. Washington reports indicating a new plan may be adopted to stimulate producer sales of cash wheat now held off the market unsettled the trade.

Wheat closed 1-4-1-2 lower than yesterday, May \$1.35 1-8-1-4, July \$1.35 3-8; corn 1-8-58 higher, May \$2 3-8-1-2, July 93 38; oats 1-8-14 off; rye 3-4-1 lower.

Corn meal: No. 3 yellow 80 3-4-90 1-4; No. 4 white 92-95; old corn 1-10 9N4; old, mMaty csm-ir. No. 1-4; No. 4 white 92-95; old corn: No. 2 white 1.10.

No oats.

Wheat Chicago, Dec. 23 —(P)—May—high, 1.35 3-4; low, 1.34 7-8; close, 1.35 1-8-1-4. July—high, 1.36; low, 1.35; close, 1.25 3-8.

Corn

May—high, 93; low, 92 1-8; close, 92 5-8-1-2.

July—93 7-8; low, 93; close, 93 3-8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 23 —(P)—Cotton futures turned reactionary today under bursts of profit taking influenced partly by the favorable war news and a disposition to take profits prior to the holiday. Hedge selling aided the decline which extended to as much as 95 cents a bale.

Late afternoon values were 65 to 80 cents a bale lower, March 18.93, May 18.84 and July 18.78.

Futures closed 90 cents to \$1.05 a bale lower.

Jan—opened, 19.01; closed, 18.78n.

Feb—opened, 19.08; closed, 19.99-89.

May—opened, 19.01; closed, 18.78.

July—closed, 18.94; closed, 18.65-66.

Dec—opened, 18.82; closed, 18.68.

Middling spot 20.57n; off 17 N—Nominal

Browns, Pirates May Train at Hot Springs

St. Louis, Dec. 23 —(P)—Acting in unison, the St. Louis Browns, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, and Pittsburgh Pirates announced today they had agreed to give up their California spring training camps because of the wartime travel situation.

In accordance with the suggestion of Joseph Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, the four clubs will seek new locations closer to their home cities in order to curtail travel as much as possible.

The Browns had intended to go to California for the first time, selecting Anaheim as their base. The Cubs were to have trained as usual at Los Angeles, the White Sox at Pasadena and the Pirates at San Bernardino.

William O. Dewitt, vice-president of the Browns, said his team and the Pirates would make new training arrangements together, Hot Springs, Ark., being among the sites under consideration.

Children's Playthings Change Little

New York (P)—Children a century ago enjoyed much the same kind of toys that modern youngsters like. It is shown at an exhibit of the New York Historical Society. Tin models of oldtime railroad engines, dolls with hoopskirts, miniature coaches and furniture attest to the perennial popularity of this kind of toy. There is also a display of mechanical banks, which performed complicated evolutions when a coin was deposited. Now they are collectors' items.

Other things being equal, production can decide the issue. Other things being in our favor, production can speed victory and save the whole human race months and even years of anguish.

We may have the privilege of supplying a rejuvenated French army which, although it would cause a change in our calculation, would be a very agreeable burden.

Automotive companies are now producing tank destroyers which move at 70 m.p.h., are lightly armed and heavily armored.

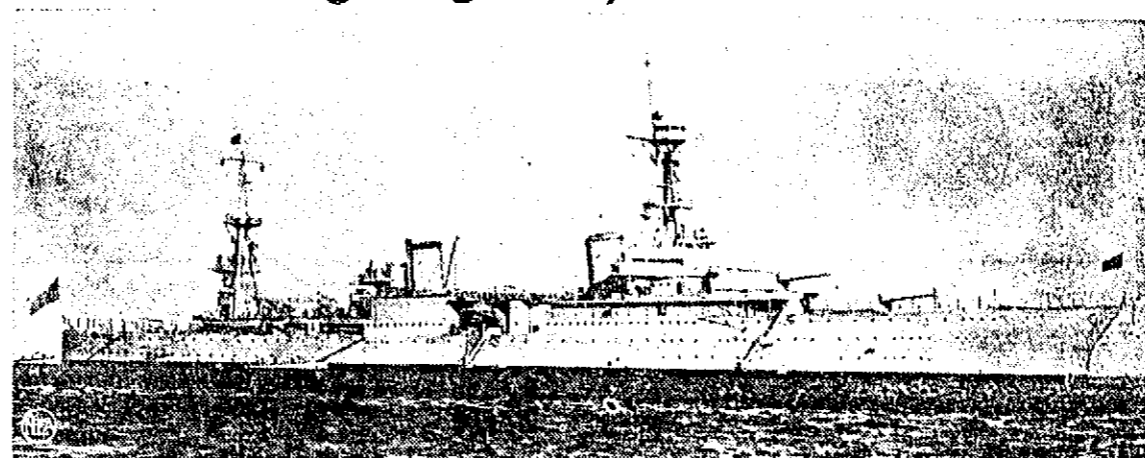
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Alaska Is A Dream World for Nurses, Secretaries From U. S.

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN

An island army base, Alaska. —(P)—When she was packing in St. Louis a year ago she looked at the evening dress and wondered; but finally she tossed it in her trunk. It was old, but it did not take up much room.

So last week she wore it to the officer's club dance—wore it backwards, to be exact—and spent the evening acknowledging compliments on her new gown.

This story of the rejuvenation of last year's finery is the personal property of Miss Billie Creely, once of the City Hospital in St. Louis, and now of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps. It also illustrates a detail of the life of some 75 women here.

Some of them are nurses, some civilian employees of the Army or Navy, a few residents of a nearby little town, once a jumping-off place for hunters and a fishing center.

As in most of Alaska, this is a dream world for a girl who never was very popular in the States. Any woman can be sure that her date book will be filled for months ahead. The only problem is how a girl may squeeze in a fraction of the dates proposed and still have time left for the actually important work that all of them are doing in the hospitals and offices.

Of course, the dates offer no great variety. There are a couple to officers' clubs for dancing, a few theaters scattered between the armed forces and the civilian areas—and there the list ends.

Nurses wear uniforms on duty, jodhpurs when not working. But there are no horses to ride, no bridge paths if there were any horse.

The weather is unmentionable most of the time, and the inviting bays are more fun for looking at than for canoeing—besides, there aren't any canoes, just big fishing dories.

As for clothes, Miss Creely's experience is typical. Women's stores never did feature either jodhpurs or evening dresses and have virtually none now. The girl who made the mistake of coming to Alaska outfitted for a camping trip is, for the most part, just out of luck until she can wire or write frantically for mother to pack up the other things she needs.

Peculiarly enough, some few items have so far escaped the general shortages of the nation. The girdle, current cartoon subject in the States, was available in a range of sizes sometime after no more were to be had in a number of large cities.

As sugar is still unrationed in Alaska and tea is available (one Los Angeles resident recently wired an Alaska retailer and received five pounds of tea he could not buy in his own Balliwick), so a smart girl in need of hosiery can still find nylons in Alaska towns.

Christmas shopping is rather disappointing. Many of the women agreed they would be able to buy Alaska goods, unique and lovely, to send home this year.

But as they began shopping early in October—packages must be

McMary Sees

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The 1940 vice-presidential nominee declared discussions of peace are "not without pertinence" even now.

"Debate and important questions can be clarified by debate," he said. "Of course no application can be made of any pattern that is agreed upon, until after the war is won."

"The Republican party realizes the responsibility of our country in the matter of negotiation and settlement of just terms of peace and the future maintenance of peace and security."

"We will be found advocating those principles that are essential to sustaining the home and hearthstone, the American market, the American standard of living."

"However, the party will advocate leadership in world affairs for its country, associated with and in cooperation with other countries and in a spirit of generosity, without scattering the nation's resources wastefully throughout the world."

"The effectiveness of our war effort is not to be measured alone by the number of enlisted men," he continued. "There are other factors of equal importance, such as sufficient manpower on the farms and in the factories of our country. Balanced manpower is essential."

"An army in dimensions beyond the ability of civilian support would be disastrous."

Dresses were available, sabers for the guard of honor were collected, target cloth was pressed into service for use on the floor of the chapel aisle, flowers showed up from some unexplained source. But in the end, the nurses had to substitute narrow bandage for ribbon on the bride's bouquet.

"Nobody," says one of them, "could tell what it was unless they looked awfully close."

After the wedding, the bride and groom left in an Army jeep for a one-day honeymoon.

And ever since, officers have been trying to decide (1) whether it's legal for lieutenants to be married to each other (2) Whether Lieutenant Browder—Russell may resign in the face of an order preventing nurses from resigning (3) whether, if she does resign (3) shall be evacuated from Alaska under general orders affecting Army wives.

Neither Lieutenant Russell nor his officer bride is in any hurry for the Army to make up its mind.

Soldiers must eat. Civilians must eat. If our farmers are to supply adequate food for these vital needs we must enable them to produce freely.

Eighth Army

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familiar. United States and British air forces have moved up at surprising speed behind the Germans.

Among the unsung heroes are the United States transport services. Their white-starred transport planes can be seen thundering across the desert a few feet above motor convoys on the road. Daily the pilots shuttle the planes between supply bases far to the rear and the advanced landing fields.

They have brought up jeeps, tractors, bulldozers, gasoline, food and water.

The supply problem is great, but the troops I have seen have had plenty to eat—barring luxuries—and plenty of the right stuff to fight with. The number of truck vehicles and planes in use indicates a plentiful supply of fuel.

The British troops are just a little disappointed that they could not take Tripoli by Christmas—but they are confident they will be there soon.

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Social Calendar

Wednesday, December 23rd
A program of special Christmas music will be rendered at the Prayer meeting service of the First Baptist church, 7:30 p. m.

Has Yule Meeting

The December meeting of the Cosmopolitan club was hosted by Mrs. George Newbern, Jr. and Mrs. Kelly Bryant Tuesday evening at the home of the latter.

A Christmas tree, candles, and other gay decorations created a festive note for the occasion.

The business was conducted by Mrs. George Robinson, the president.

In the program following, Mrs. Edwin Hinkins gave the current event, "The Unexpected Guest."

Read by Mrs. W. R. Hamilton. The guests of Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Bryant of Fayetteville, and members of the club exchanged inexpensive gifts during the party.

A delicious desert course was served.

Mrs. L. F. Higginson is Hostess to Baptist Class

In a Yuletide meeting at the home of Mrs. L. F. Higginson, members of the Winsome class of the First Baptist Sunday school heard a program arranged by the chairman, Mrs. James McCullough.

Following the leader's devotional, "The Unexpected Guest" by Wright was reviewed by Mrs. Paul Power.

Instead of exchanging gifts, members brought contributions for the Goodfellow.

Following the business, the teacher, Mrs. Higginson served delicious refreshments in the Christmas motif to the following members and guests: Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Jr., Mrs. Paul Power, Mrs. James McCullough, Mrs. Bess Cooper, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Lawrence Cagle, Mrs. Ferrell Williams of New Orleans, Mrs. Julian Spillers, Mrs. Troy Bolls, Mrs. Elton Goodwin, and Mrs. Noel Alford.

For the occasion the hostess' home was gaily decorated in Christmas greenery and berries.

Kindergarten Party
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CITY BAKERY

FRANTIC FESTIVAL

By EDMUND FANCOTT

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THE STORY: Myra Mack and Fay Rathbone, two beautiful girls, are invited to spend their Christmas vacation in the Laurelhurst hotel, owned by the eccentric, but kind-hearted, Mr. Benson. As Myra suspected, his guests include a strange assortment of personalities: Benny, a theatrical agent; Leona, a model; and a wealthy couple, the Bensons. The group meet for the first time in Fay's studio.

LUNCH WITHOUT ROMANCE

CHAPTER V

FAY RATHBONE sat opposite Lieut. Ross Benson in the spacious but crowded restaurant of the store where Beano had lately officiated as Santa Claus. He had extracted her from the studio with the neatness of one who preferred his company in small numbers and had had considerable experience in getting his own way.

He liked the way she smiled and the easy way she fenced with him. It was odd how the girls one liked to be with were not at all the types one thought one could fall for, not that he was falling for anyone just yet.

Then he realized that there was a quirk of humor in her eyes that looked uncommonly as though she were reading his thoughts.

"Tell me about you," he said. "Married?"

"No."

"Engaged?"

"No."

"In love?"

"No."

"Terrible," he said seriously. "You ought to do something about it."

"I'm happy as I am," she smiled back.

"Now particularly?"

"Particularly now."

"Because it's Christmas or because it's me?"

"Because it's Christmas," she fenced.

"Do you like the male species?"

"Distance lends enchantment to anything," she replied. There was a way her eyes teased him as she said it that made him grin and admit that he had found his match in some things.

"Do you work?"

She nodded.

"For preference?" he asked.

"No, necessity."

"Family?"

"Large and penurious."

"Hence the work?"

"No, pride. They said I couldn't do it."

"And your ambitions?"

"Art, spent in big letters."

"You need an income like Ferd's so that you can play at it."

"I wouldn't play at it."

"I suspect you work at it in your spare time."

She shook her head. "Sometimes only. And you, your ambitions?"

"A brighter, better world after this mess is over."

"A reformer?"

"Hardly," he replied. "Benson's Benign Bath Soap. It brought me up and educated me and I'm very grateful to it and after this mess is over I intend to devote my life to it in sheer gratitude and also to make a cleaner, sweeter world. I can conceive of no more laudable ambition . . . that is, if there is still any profit in anything after this is over."

"A materialist," she accused.

"Half and half, and the soap provides the perfect answer, a nice clean way of earning a living. But let's forget all that until the New Year."

"Forget your girl, too?" There was a look of mischief in Fay's eyes as she said this. She was aware of the working of the mind of Lieut. Ross Benson.

Sometimes a girl can walk through the door of a man's face into his mind as though it were a familiar room full of pleasant but well-remembered things as though he knew it all before. So it seemed to Fay as she looked at Ross Benson. She was at least four years younger than he but she felt suddenly much older, understanding him and able to forecast his thoughts. She knew very well that in the studio he had made a quick survey of the available material and had decided that Leona would be the center of attraction and therefore too much in demand for such a short time as a few days.

Myra was not his idea of a frivolous companion and so she, Fay, fitted nicely in between, and naturally she would feel flattered at the devoted attention of the youngest and handsomest male in the party.

Her quick question took him aback for a moment. Then he smiled. It gave him a chance to put himself on record for the weekend that he was not in the marriage market.

"I haven't got one," he replied. "I don't think it is fair to tangle with a girl and then go overseas and leave her high and dry for the duration. And I don't believe in marriage . . . while I'm in uniform."

"You don't believe in marriage?" she asked, her blue eyes holding his with a touch of mockery in their smile.

"No, do you?"

"Not for girls under twenty . . . and particularly not with men in uniform."

"Why?"

"A friend of mine in St. John's met a man one week, married him the next and hasn't seen him since. He went overseas and where is he?"

"Sitting at home waiting for her to return." He answered her with a mock seriousness.

"You see the point?" Fay looked over the edge of her cup of coffee.

"I do," he replied. "Particularly since I made it first. Will you have dinner with me tonight?"

"No. I'm going to mail my Christmas cards."

"May I help you?"

"No."

"Definite, aren't you?"

"They both laughed and he felt that she would do. She was definitely not the kind of girl he would fall for. She was a little too thin for one thing and not the kind of girl men would turn round and look at on the street but she was good fun."

"Well, let me drive you up tomorrow."

"That would save a railway fare and waiting at stations, thought Fay."

"Does that include Myra?" she asked.

"If it must," he said. "And I'll pick you both up at the office."

Fay laughed. "She fell on his neck in sheer gratitude."

IN another restaurant Benny was entertaining Myra at lunch for old times' sake. He had sent up a cup of coffee and a sandwich to Beano, who was marooned in the studio in his underwear and a red robe, waiting to be whisked up to the northlands immediately after lunch.

Benny unburdened his troubles to Myra. Most people did.

"Why I put up with the guy I don't know. I wouldn't be bothered with him but it was me that made him the all-American wrestling champion three times following. I figure I got to help him, and seeing I was coming up here I fixed him up for a couple of weeks. Have another steak, no? Well it seems he ain't reliable any more, not since he took that correspondence course and that's the trouble about education. Some it suits and some it upsets, like putting whiskey on top of beer. But that's the way it is, dumb in some ways, and a gold mine when he's worked the right way, but now he's got this education on his mind you can't do anything with him."

Myra listened through the meal, watching Benny talk and eat without a pause for breath. Well, he was different from most of the men she met, if you like people different.

(To Be Continued)

Allies Slowly Forcing Japs Back at Buna

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 23 (AP)—Allied troops continued to hammer at Japanese forces trapped in the Buna area of New Guinea today, and General MacArthur's headquarters reported they were slowly making headway against the enemy fighting desperately in "intricate and thoroughly prepared positions."

Air units smashed at the entrenched Japanese, and assaulting Allied ground troops chalked up comparatively small gains yesterday, with American and Australian infantry moving across to come to closer grips with the enemy holding out on the Buna airfield and at the government station.

This action was on the right of a three-sector line where the Japanese still clung to positions on the Papuan Peninsula.

On the central sector, military spokesmen said, the Americans and Australians fought fierce clashes with Japanese patrols to push within about two miles of the coast in the Sanananda area, west of Buna.

grade visited city council as a project in civics. They had only one question to ask: How many people are on the city payroll? Not even the mayor could answer.

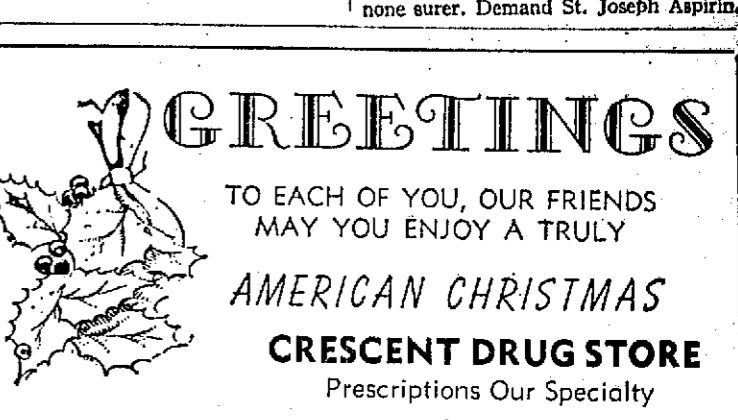
French angel fish, one of the most beautiful residents of the deep, can live only a month in captivity.

The word "Easter" is derived from the name of the Saxon goddess Eastre, whose festival was in April.

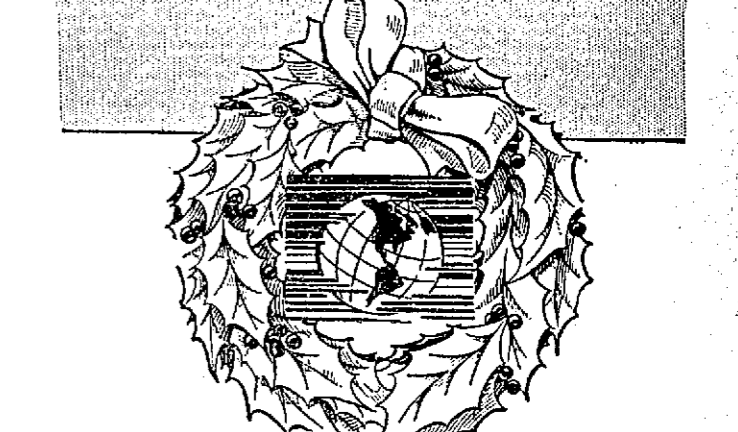
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This is our pledge to maintain these efforts that we may continue to enjoy your confidence.

TALBOT'S

Sometimes It Is the Boss Who Really Gums Up Whole Works

By JAMES MARLOW AND GEORGE JELKE

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Say, boss, take a look in the mirror. Let the lads in the shop take a look, too.

Maybe you're the one gumming up the works and slowing them down. Or maybe it's the hired hands. Nobody is perfect.

They make mistakes but when you make them, boss, they're big ones. Robert L. McMurtry, of the Psychological Corporation of Chicago has something to say about you in the current issue of "Advanced Management."

He talks about you and about the lads in the shop, too, in explaining why workers' morale sometimes goes sour and they get dissatisfied with their jobs.

Here's where he starts looking under your hat, boss:

"The men who control major company policies, one of equal if not greater importance in influencing employee attitudes than are their subordinate executives and the rank and file among supervision."

"These men not only determine company policies but also in many instances select the foreman and department heads. Thus the organization as a whole tends to reflect their personalities."

McMurtry lists several kinds of bosses who are no big help keeping the lads in the shop happy:

There's the man with plenty of drive. But he feels insecure of intellectually inferior. He tries to cover up his limitations with a domineering manner toward those who work with him and for him.

There's the company head who means well — on the surface — but underneath is mean and selfish. Because of the well-meaning part of him builds a gymnasium for the workers so they'll like him.

But at the same time he pays low wages, baits labor and generally gets in the workers' hair. Then when they get sore he thinks of the gymnasium he built and calls them ungrateful.

Then there's another kind, the downright selfish type, and of him McMurtry says:

"His impelling desire is to get something for nothing. He refuses to pay for overtime; institutes a series of fines and penalties for trivial infractions of arbitrary rules; pays minimum wages; refuses to allow paid vacations. . . . Often the cupidity of such executives is so great they are blind to the cost of such treatment in lower employee morale."

But McMurtry thinks "the most common among the executives contributing to employee dissatisfaction" are those who fear change and cling to outmoded procedures.

That'll be enough about you, boss. Now McMurtry gets down to supervision, although that bring you back into the picture, as you will see:

"A major source of trouble to

day is the almost universal practice of selecting men and women for junior executive and supervisor positions solely in term of their ability as leaders of people."

At last we get around to the lads in the shop, boss, but here McMurtry says it's a question whether demands for higher wages, shorter hours and greater privileges are the "real" causes of employee dissatisfaction.

In any business, he thinks, there will always be a small proportion of employees who will be dissatisfied no matter what happens because the source of their complaints lie within themselves. You can't do much about them, boss.

But then again almost every employee has a certain amount of unconscious hostility in his system, according to McMurtry, and it may pop out if he's mistreated by the foreman or if he gets jealous because someone else was promoted.

Some other things can make the employee come to work with a grouse: Like domestic trouble, or a financial jam, or worry about his health.

So McMurtry figures:

"Under the best of circumstances a part of a firm's employees will be openly dissatisfied and the attitudes of many more will be in

Bird Hunting Goes on Despite Ration

Little Rock, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The State Game and Fish Commission reported today gasoline rationing and a shortage of shells had caused only a slight decline in bird hunting in Arkansas.

Tom Mull, assistant Commission secretary, said hunters were beating gasoline rationing with ride pooling and most of them saved up enough shells for the current season. He said that prospects for next season were "very dark" if the war continues.

Mull asserted hunters were finding it almost impossible to purchase shotgun shells despite a recent government estimate there were enough shells for a three year normal hunt.

greater or less degree ambivalent (having likes and dislikes).

"Since there is little or nothing which management can do directly to alter this state of its employees' minds. . . its wisest course is to concentrate its efforts on the removal of every possible irritation and annoyance that might stimulate and reinforce these latent antagonisms."

Kids Stump A City Council

Springfield, Mo. (AP)—The fifth

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season of Good Cheer when we strive to forget the things which we want to forget and when good fellowship and kind thoughts are in the minds of all, we sincerely wish you and your dear ones a Merry Christmas and a New Year abounding with success, good luck, and much happiness.

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Here Is Some Dope on All the Bowl Contests

Blue, Gray Captains Named

The Blue and Gray squads announced captains today to lead the starting elevens in the fifth annual North-South all-star game here Saturday.

The Northern Blues selected Victor DeLoach, West Virginia guard, and Bill Vickroy, Ohio State center, as co-captains for the intercollegiate classic.

Johnny Lee Mota, smashing V.M.I. fullback, was named captain of the Southern Grays by one vote over Garfield Ramsey, William and Mary guard, who was elected alternate captain.

The team hosts of stars in every position. One team will play the first quarter and another the second for each side and the second half will see teams made up of outstanding players from the first half.

The backfields are almost set for the north. Brandage of Pennsylvania and Barrett of Georgia will play fullback. Beames of Holy Cross and Mueyn of Xavier, tailback; Griggs of Holy Cross and Wolfe of Dartmouth, wingback; Adams of Missouri and Doloway of Indiana, blocking back.

Blair of Mississippi State and Johnson of William and Mary will share the fullback slot for the South. Thomas of Tulane and Jones of Union, tailback; Cofford of Auburn and Mota of V.M.I., wingback; McDonald of Tulane and Prator of Furman, blocking back.

West Works Hard

Palo Alto, Calif., Dec. 23 —(AP)—Coach Orin E. Hollingbery of Washington State and Don Fauro of Missouri worked the 22 members of the Western All-Star football squad through the various competitions at their Stanford training camp today without settling on any fixed lineup.

One set of backfielders included two of Prator's own Missourians, John Stichter and Don Reece. Also in this quartet were Tony Campbell of St. Mary's and Bob Kennedy also, as a fullback on Hollingbery's Washington State team the past season, led the coast in total yards gained running and passing.

Texas Tapers Off

Austin, Tex., Dec. 23 —(AP)—Texas practice coaches intensive training by the University of Texas for their New Year's Day game at Dallas' Cotton Bowl against Georgia Tech.

After spending Christmas at home, the team will reconvene in Dallas Dec. 28 for light drills at

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR., Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 23 —(AP)—Mike Jacobs, making his first visit to Florida this winter, is toying with the idea of running a few fight shows there to entertain the soldiers. . . . Hamilton U., winner of the Kansas City intercollegiate basketball tournament last spring, is peeved because Minnesota wouldn't give them a game. . . . Seems the Gophers objected because Hamilton uses freshmen, then scheduled Dartmouth, which also plays freshmen, for a Jan. 6 date. . . . P.S.: Hamilton Gophers in "game scrimmages."

St. Burton of the Dayton News recalls this story: "Nipper" Campnell, the famous old golf pro who died last week, used to tell on himself. . . . When he was in Florida a few winters ago, Campnell had to undergo an emergency operation. . . . He was rushed into the operating room, a nurse put something over his face and told him to count while he was getting the ether. . . . Nipper reached the twenties before he began to fade, and continued slowly as he lost consciousness, "25, 26, 27, 28 — and ain't that Helluva score going out."

Today's Guest Star

Reese Hart, it a l e i g h t N. C. Times: "If you'd change the deck mal point and put it after the first figure, the National League batting averages this year would look about like our bank roll did after doing Christmas shopping."

Don't Quote Me, But

At least one New York sports editor has been offered a job as New York State Athletic Commissioner under the reorganization plan that is expected to go into effect as soon as the new state administration takes over. He turned it down, presumably because he couldn't have so much fun ribbing himself. . . . One of Broadway's better-known bookies went for \$20,000 on the pro football playoff when he gave the Bears over Washington the arrest thing in his book since Roosevelt's second campaign. . . . Gov. Adams of Arkansas says: "I'm racing in that state should be abandoned for the duration." Wonder if that's a way ball clubs are thinking of Hot Springs as a training base?

Service Dept.

The Corpus Christi, Tex., Naval Air Station, which figures to have one of the southwest's best basketball teams, has lined up a 16-game schedule and plans to play about nine more road games if transportation is available. . . . McClellan Field, Calif., has postponed all indoor athletic activities until its new gym is completed. Take it from Athletic Officer Lieut. Roy Rickey, who might know! . . . McClellan teams were just going the wrong way without practice.

Chris Cagle, A Gridiron Great Dies Tuesday

New York, Dec. 23 —(AP)—Death, with a background of mystery, came today to one of the greatest football players of all time—Christian Keener (Red) Cagle, whose brilliant ball-carrying for Army twice brought him all-American glory.

The sandy-haired, 37-year-old athlete, unanimous choice for all-American halfback in 1923 and 1929, died in a Queens Hospital at 12:49 a.m. (EWT) of pneumonia and a skull fracture.

Cagle, who carried his talents to the professional gridiron and once was part owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers professional eleven, was found semi-conscious Saturday night in the lobby of a Queens apartment house where he lived with his wife.

Police said they had not yet determined how Cagle received the head injury. Asked if the athlete might have been assaulted, Deputy Inspector Edward declared: "We are convinced that Mr. Cagle received his injuries in Queens. How he received them, we do not have enough information to be certain. We cannot assert he was assaulted."

Police said the house superintendent, who with Mrs. Cagle brought the athlete to the hospital, told them that Cagle had muttered "something about being kicked in the head."

A native of Merryville, La., Cagle played for Southwestern before going to the U. S. Military Academy. He made his first gridiron appearance for Army in 1927, but it was not until the next season that he won widespread fame. By 1929, when he captained Army, he probably was one of the most published football players in the world.

Cagle, who at the time of his death was employed by an insurance company, resigned from West Point, by official request, in 1934, when his marriage to Marion Munford (née, of Gretna, La.) became known. They had been married for two years. Cadets may not be married while at the Military Academy.

In 1930, 1931 and part of 1932, Cagle played with the professional New York Giants — at \$7,500 a year. In 1933, he and John (Shipwreck) Kelly, the husband of actress Brenda Frazier, bought the Brooklyn Dodgers, but the next year Cagle sold his share to Daniel L. Topping.

The Cagles had two children.

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Major League Clubs to Train Nearer Home

By JUDSON BAILEY

New York, Dec. 23 —(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers are searching for a college field house in the vicinity of New York City with the idea of training at home, it was disclosed today as the exodus of major league clubs from their spring bases in Florida gained momentum.

Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, who revealed on Monday that Brooklyn had abandoned plans to train at west Palm Beach, said that the metropolitan area was being canvassed for suitable accommodations where the players might do their preliminary conditioning indoors.

"An ideal arrangement," he suggested, "would be two field houses in close proximity so that two clubs could train together. And I think I know of another club that would be interested in the same proposition."

Rickey expressed doubt that a month or six weeks of outdoor conditioning is necessary and said he believed that with proper preliminary gymnasium work, and battling in cages, ten days of outside practice might be sufficient for the opening of the season.

While Rickey was scouting for a

Death of Cagle Is Declared Accidental

New York, Dec. 23 —(AP)—The death of Christian Keener (Red) Cagle, brilliant former Army football star, apparently was accidental, police said today.

An autopsy by Assistant Medical Examiner Howard M. Neil showed that Cagle's death earlier today resulted from a fracture of the skull and hemorrhage of the brain.

Police said Elwood Ford, a friend, told them at noon that he had been in the company of Cagle Saturday night, and that as they started home, Cagle tripped and fell the full length of a night of subway steps.

Ford said Cagle had been dazed by the fall, police reported, and that he had rested a few minutes before continuing home.

Germany has ordered the Italians to evacuate Sicily. They don't want Sicily in their way.

Winter in Russia only with the greatest difficulty. It is now impossible for the German forces to swing back and make a furious attack in the west.

rating site in this area, the New York Giant, announced that they were withdrawing from Miami and New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals stated they were looking around for a satisfactory switch from St. Petersburg, where the Yanks have trained for 19 years.

The Yanks and Cardinals, who have shared St. Petersburg for many years, are seeking accommodations where they can continue to train together and Edward G. Barrow, president of the Yanks, disclosed that Albany, Ga., is under consideration.

Barrow also made public the fact that Kenesaw M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, had written all major league clubs suggesting the advisability of their moving out of Florida and finding locations closer home. The move resulted from Defense Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman's suggestions that baseball travel be reduced to a minimum and also from the congestion of Army camps in Florida.

What action other clubs will take as the result of Landis' letter has not been made known. Four clubs that had planned to train in California, the Chicago Cubs and White Sox, the St. Louis Browns, and Pittsburgh Pirates, have called a meeting to decide upon a possible switch to Hot Springs, Ark.

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Bulldogs Take It Easy

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 23 —(AP)—Georgia's Bulldogs won't have any severe scrimmage before the Rose Bowl game, Coach Wallace Butts said today.

He indicated his team would brush up on attack and let defense take care of itself. Frankie Sinkwich, the Georgia hurling ace, limped noticeably through a strenuous passing workout yesterday.

Tulsa Superstitious

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Dec. 23 —(AP)—Superstitious members of Tulsa's Sugar Bowl Football team hope that Tulsa will collect 23 points and win from Tennessee.

On December 22, word came from the wife of sophomore guard, Glen Burgess, that the Tulsa line-man had been presented with a daughter. Coach Henry Priddy recalled that in 1911 Coach Ed McClellan of Boston College became the father of twins on the 19th of December and Boston won in the Sugar Bowl 19-13.

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Connie Mack Observes His Birthday Today

Philadelphia, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Connie Mack, who isn't sure whether he was born on Dec. 22 or Dec. 23, is celebrating his 80th birthday today.

The McGillicuddy family records never have been clear as to the exact date of the arrival of the grand old man of baseball, because he was born so close to midnight, but several years ago Connie fixed the 23rd as his annual date for celebration.

The Athletics' manager, veteran of 50 years in the National pastime, will be honored by the Philadelphia Baseball Writers Association at a dinner today. Later he

Deaths Last Night

DR. WASSILI LEPS
Toronto, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Dr. Wassili Leps, 75, founder of the Philadelphia operatic club and organizer of the Providence (R. I.) symphony orchestra, died last night.

ADMIRAL LUIGI GRATAGNI
Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Admiral Luigi Gratagni, 90, who participated in the historic sea battle of Lissa on July 20, 1866, died yesterday.

Toronto, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Former Commodore George Horace Goodenham, 74, one of Canada's best known yachtsmen, died last night. He is scheduled for a radio talk.

Christmas Eve



Chinese Ambassador's Wife Would 'Educate' Rather Than Destroy the Japanese

By ANN FRANCES WILSON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Washington. — After living and suffering through six years of Japan's military brutality in her own country, you might well expect Mme. Tao-Ming Wei, wife of the new Chinese ambassador to the United States, to be eager for severe widespread punishment of Japan's people.

But Mme. Wei is no apostle of Japanese annihilation. She believes that the answer to the Japanese problem is to the end the military party's rule and establish a Japanese republic. And after that a long educational period to teach the Japanese that the way to become rich is not by pillage and theft, but by intellectual wealth.

Mme. Wei is confident of ultimate victory—so confident that already her talk is full of eager plans and dreams for post-war China. She looks forward to the day when the Japs are driven out, and she may do her part in helping to build a new nation for her 400,000,000 countrymen.

She is supremely confident because outside help has finally come to her people who, when they fought alone were able to reorganize and carry on after repeated defeats by an enemy of vastly superior power. And her first-hand observation of China's heroic struggle has resulted in this heartening, and somewhat startling opinion:

A couple of good, sound lickings will melt the Japanese "nerves of steel" and scrap their vaunted war machine, she says, and an allied victory will quickly follow these decisive defeats.

Mme. Wei is a vivacious, attractive person who carries lightly and imposing array of titles and distinctions. A rebellious member of a high-ranking official family, she early broke with tradition and took a defiant course which has made her one of China's leading "career women."

At 10 she ripped the bandages that bound her feet. Shortly after she refused to go thru with a parentally-planned marriage to the son of Canton



Mme. Tao-Ming Wei, wife of the Chinese ambassador, pictured in her Washington home.

governor. When she was 17 she went to study at Tientsin and became active with a revolutionary group. Though her father was a senior official in the Manchukuo government, she returned to her native Canton with a suitcase loaded with bombs to be used

in assassinating members of the Manchukuo royal family.

Mme. Wei was the first Chinese woman lawyer, and the first Chinese of either sex to be admitted to practice before the French mixed court of Shanghai. She was president of the Shanghai native district court, and later served as a member of the National Reconstruction of the Legislative Yuan in the Nanking government. The author of two books, she is now at work on a third, although her duties as hostess and manager of the diplomatic household in Washington leave her little time for writing.

She feels that her main job in the United States is to acquaint Americans better with China and her problems.

"There has always been the greatest friendship between our countries, and the bond is growing," she says. "But I feel that the Chinese people understand Americans better than Americans understand the Chinese."

The Central American umbrella bird is named for a crest of black feathers which can be lowered to cover its face.

A well preserved church and other structures mark the site of a Russian settlement founded in California in 1819.

Fake G-Men Are Plentiful FBI Reveals

By KENNETH L. DIXON

Washington, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Don't look now, but that gabby "G-man" you met in the barber shop may be an impostor who is trying to (1) get some extra gasoline, (2) borrow some money or cash a bad check, (3) thrill his girl friend, (4) find out war secrets for the enemy, or (5) fool his wife so he can go out nights.

Federal Bureau of Investigation officials said today that numerous fake G-men are springing up all over the country, and reminded the public that Director J. Edgar Hoover "instructs all agents to exhibit their credentials."

Such credentials include an identification card with the agent's picture and the signature of Hoover and Attorney General Biddle.

The most popular fraud of the moment is the "G-man" who wants extra gasoline, they said, and cited a few cases.

A dry cleaner told his board that he needed extra gasoline to carry on his "FBI investigations on the side." He isn't even dry - cleaning any more.

One honest - to - goodness agent tried to buy gasoline at an eastern station and found it had been closed to regular business by a "G-man." The attendant said that when the station's supply was getting low, the alleged FBI agent told him to hang up the "no gas" signs — and then came around regularly to fill up his own tank. As they talked, the fake showed up and the real G-man asked him for a job with the FBI.

"You wouldn't like it," said the fraud. "It's a tough racket."

"Oh, I like it all right. You meet such interesting people," replied the real meow — and arrested the station-closer.

Then there was the much-wedded man who wooed women with his G-man talk and showed scars "suffered in gunfights" with desperadoes. He married in Iowa, again in Wisconsin and was about to do likewise in Illinois when his fiancée started talking to friends. G-men heard the news and met her bigamist boy friend at a night club where he resisted arrest — and really received some scars in action with the FBI.

The officials told of several swindlers who used the G-man gag to cash bad checks and borrow money, and expressed a fear that some fakes might be spies — but their prize case was the woman who called up headquarters and asked if so-and-so was a G-man. They told her no and asked for details.

He's my husband," she replied, "and he's been going out every night — to do undercover work for the FBI, he told me."

The husband was called into headquarters, but no charges were filed. Apparently his wife was the only one he fooled, and his punishment was left with her.

Hopeful of Services Using State Colleges
Washington, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Gov. Homer M. Adkins to Arkansas said last night before leaving home that "it may be several weeks or two months before a final decision is made" relative to using Arkansas

colleges in the Army-Navy training program.

"With both Arkansas senators and all the representatives working jointly in the matter feel very hopeful that the colleges of the state will be given a portion of the Army-Navy training program," he said.

Adkins said he received very little encouragement from government agencies on a proposal to build an isolation hospital for venereal diseases which

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he said was needed badly in Little Rock.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

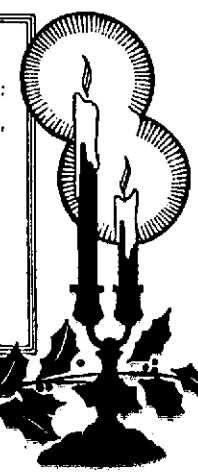
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Our Daily Bread

(Continued From Page One)

non-Germans, literally are dying from starvation, while their Nazi conquerors gorge on food that would save those innocent lives.

In Norway men, women and children are suffering from bitter cold because their warm clothing and fuel have been taken to Germany for Nazi use.

In France, in Belgium, in Holland, in Yugoslavia, in Denmark, in China, in the Philippines and all over the Orient, the marks of the beasts are cut deep into lands that never asked more than the privilege of living their own lives in their own ways.

Americans, at home, have been spared. Yet today on Guadalcanal, in North Africa, in New Guinea, on the waters of the seven seas and in the air everywhere, Americans and British and refugees from the occupied countries are dying in defense of fundamental human rights. Against the sad world background, it sounds pretty empty to shout Merry Christmas, doesn't it? Have we any right to a Merry Christmas, with bright-lit evergreens bedecked with gifts from everybody to everybody else—to Merry Christmas, with turkey or goose, Christmas pudding and brandy sauce, and all that comes between, including the wines? There are many who say "No," and most of us have reduced the scale, both of celebration and of giving. But still we are observing Christmas in the traditional manner. And why not? Christmas, though sometimes we forget, is the birthday of that Christ whose teachings we are fighting to preserve. We are giving both wealth and blood to protect the spirit of the Golden Rule, which probably can not be paraphrased better than in the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

There can be no incongruity about devoting this one day, in the midst of total war, to celebrating the birth of Christ; and certainly there can be no more appropriate observance of this day than through

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Annual Meeting of Members: The Annual Meeting of Members of the Hope Federal Savings and Loan Association will be held at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, January 6, 1943, at the office of the association, 122 East Second Street, Hope, Arkansas.

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land and to Africa.

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"May I cut in?"

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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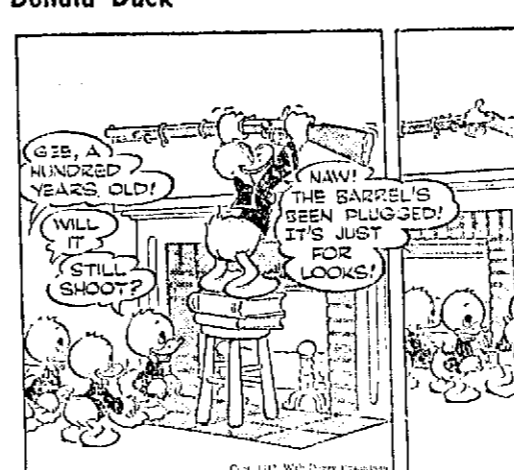
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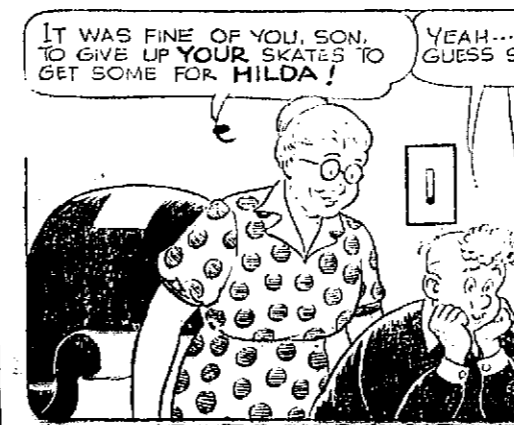
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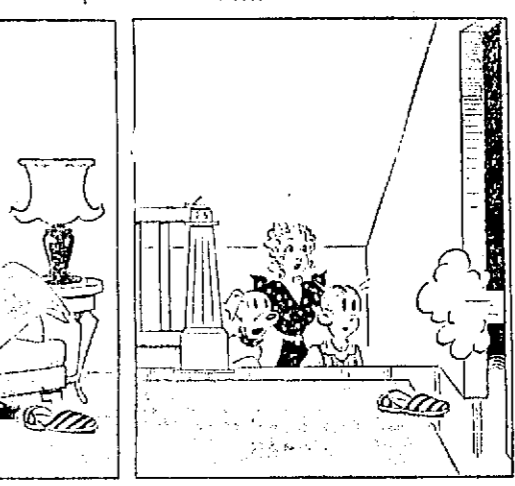
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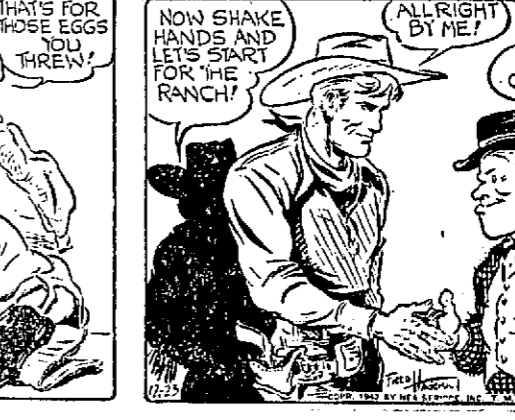
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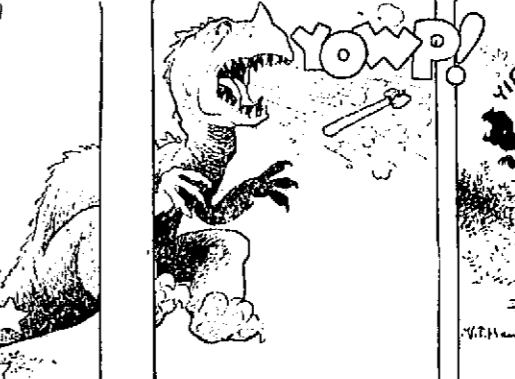
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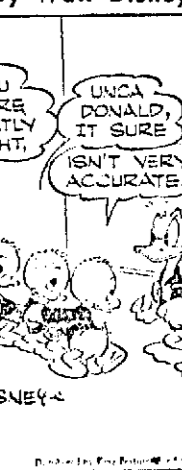
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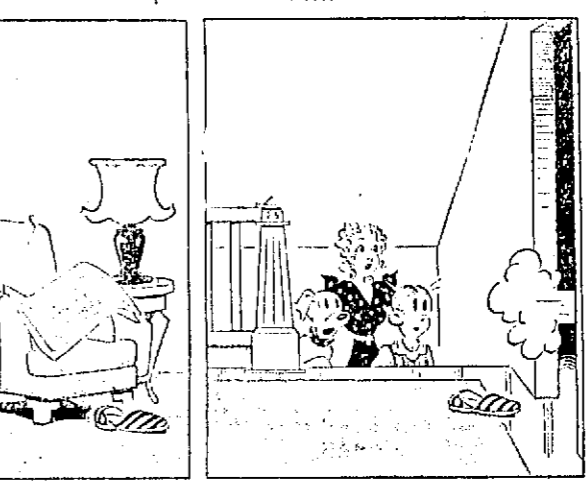


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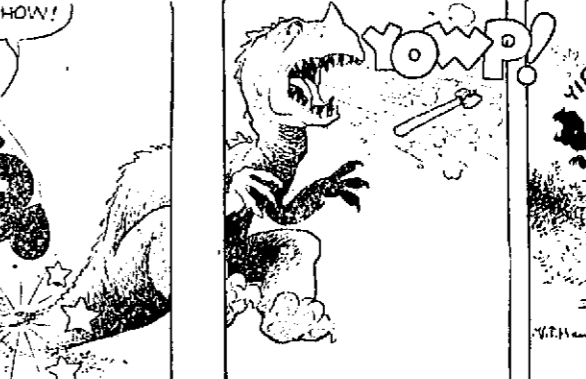
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He'll Never Get Any Medals



The Silver Lining



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By Walt Disney



By Chic Young



By Edgar Martin



By V. T. Hamlin



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By Merrill Blosser



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SEASON'S Greetings

Here's hoping that you will spend a most enjoyable Yuletide season with your loved ones and friends. A new Christmas Season is here with all its enjoyable pleasures, its good fellowship, its peace and contentment so greatly needed today.

We sincerely trust that you will enjoy every moment of this glorious occasion, and that the future will bring you Happiness, Peace and Prosperity.

Best wishes for an American Christmas to each of you!

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It is good to think back over the events of the past year, and to pick out those things which are bright and cheerful. These occasions overshadow the dark spots and simplify the task of forgetting dreams unrealized. Your thoughtfulness to this organization is deeply appreciated, and because of this we deem it a privilege to express Season's Greetings. Our sincere good wishes to every one.

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Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS
Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — It shouldn't be put down as a hard and fast rule, but it does look as if the first step in becoming a prolific song writer is to skip the music lessons.

That fellow Irving Berlin knew so little about music he was strictly a one-finger composer, and see what a handicap that was. Berlin's "Holiday Inn" holds the present record for number of original songs in one picture. He turned out 11 tunes, several of which are now in the hit or near-hit class. If he'd had a few music lessons, now, who knows how far he'd have gone?

"Holiday Inn's" profusion of tunes is about to be topped. "Thank Your Lucky Stars" will have 17 originals — all by one man named Arthur Schwartz.

Schwartz, like Berlin, escaped any formal musical training. What he has, he picked up "by ear." That's because his father, a Brooklyn lawyer, had an older son trained in music and thought that enough for one family. But Arthur learned, he doesn't remember just how, and at 14 he made his musical debut at Cortelyou's movie emporium, Brooklyn. He remembers playing the William Tell overture while Tom Mix raced across the badlands intercepting bandits.

A fellow like Schwartz is always a disappointment to folks who expect Tin Pan Alley's boys to be showy, color-splashed gentlemen who wear berets and race-truck checks. Schwartz is cordial, frank, amiable and looks like a lean and successful young New York lawyer, which is what he would have been if tunes hadn't kept ringing in his head.

For his career he went to New York university, with three years of law at Columbia. He won a Phi Beta Kappa Key (which isn't exactly common in Tin Pan Alley) and began to practice law. Even then, he wrote a song. It has positively the worst title in the world: "Baltimore, Md., You're the Only Doctor for Me."

Somehow, after 1928 when he contributed songs to "The Grand Street Follies," none of them hit, he veered away from the law and soon made tunes his business. Writing 17 tunes for one movie wasn't an unusual chore for him. He has done 10 Broadway shows, with 15 to 24 songs each, and seven shows in London.

His favorite Schwartz tune is "I See Your Face Before Me" but his best-seller is "Dancing in the Dark." But he admits he doesn't know a hit tune when he hears one, and is incapable of judging his own work.

No Holds Barred
Rutgers, N. J. (P)—Grapplers had a field day here recently. It was the annual mat clinic of the New Jersey wrestling clinic and no holds were barred.

TO GREET YOU ON
CHRISTMAS
AND WISH YOU HAPPINESS ALWAYS
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U. S. Paratrooper in Tunisia Is Tough Hombre—and Proud of it

By DONN SUTTON
Editor of NEA Service

London, Dec. 17.—American paratrooper soldier, whom Gen. Eisenhower employed as ground forces to lend the Allied drive into Tunisia, are in reality super-infantry-men.

Their advanced training on British soil in recent weeks came perilously close to actual combat conditions. Just a few days before they took off for the Mediterranean, I spent many hours with these jumping soldiers in ground maneuvers over rain-soaked, mud-yellow English hills.

One-Man Arsenal
I watched the exquisite technique of sudden death and destruction that is peculiar to the paratrooper's profession—including some refinements that had been developed by officers and men of this very outfit. I hurled their grenades, fired their guns, saw much of their other lethal equipment. Some of it I didn't see.

The paratroopers are proud. They know they comprise the highest paid unit in any army in the world and that there must be a reason for it. Enlisted men get \$75 and officers \$100 a month above their base and overseas pay. All paratrooper soldiers of course are volunteers. They are taught to develop individual initiative to an extent perhaps not practiced anywhere else in the Army.

For it is obvious that, once he has dug heels into the earth at the end of a jump, the paratrooper is a "one-man regiment," at least until he has made contact with his fellow jumpers. He is a one-man arsenal, too, ready to fight the instant he tumbles to earth and breaks clean off that beautiful silk bridal gown that he calls a parachute.

He is a one-man restaurant, with breakfast, lunch and dinner in his kit of concentrated rations.

He is a one-man medical corps, with enough medical supplies (including some of science's most recent contributions to the art of healing) to treat even serious wounds—his own or those of his paratrooper companions. Everyone jumps.

Every man in this unit is a jumper. The parachute riggers leave their stitching machines to jump. The company clerks jump. The truck drivers jump. The doctors jump. The officers jump—first.

The highest ranking officer in any transport plane is number one man to bail out. This rule holds even for the commander of this group, ruddy 37-year-old Col. Edison D. Raff, West Point-bred regular Army officer turned paratrooper.

Col. Raff, a native New Yorker, finds himself at the head of a hell-busting outfit in which four soldiers out of five are farm boys. "It stands to reason they can take rough and tumble life a little better than the average city boy can," said second-in-command Maj. Doyle R. Yardley, a farm boy from Raymondville, Tex.

There are few veteran stunts from paratroopers in the unit, probably because the average age of these paratroopers is 22. However, Capt. Harold Bachman of Elkhart, Ind., was test driver for an automobile manufacturer, and Pvt. Al Trumbull of Connecticut was a stunt motorcyclist.

Several of the officers and men hold private pilots' licenses.

There'll Be Holiday Trees—If You Can Pay for Them

By ANN FRANCES WILSON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Washington, Dec. 23.—Here's the Christmas tree situation as of the moment.

The Office of Defense Transportation assures American families that they'll try to keep trees moving so that there will be enough to go around. But in spite of optimistic hopes and valiant efforts, there still remains a shortage of manpower to fell the trees, and a crowded shipping situation.

As for the price of trees, once you get 'em—it's ceiling unlimited. Since no two evergreens are alike, OPA can't very well bring them under price control. Purchasers will be trusted not to pay exorbitant prices for the traditional Christmas decoration.

If prices really should get out of hand, however, OPA will step in, since it has authority to apply the brakes to inflationary trends at any time.

Cellophane Story

Cellophane is much like a lot of the commodities it covers. It's available in present stocks, but there won't be any more of it for anything but packaging spoilable goods, once the present stock is out.

Cellophane tape and paper for Christmas are scarce. Those expensive-looking, transparent-wrapped corsages and bouquets are out. Soon you'll only find cellophane used for preserving food and other perishable commodities, or for covering a government label on bottles and boxes.



Once he has dug his heels into the earth at the end of a jump, the paratrooper is a "one-man regiment," at least until he has made contact with his fellow jumpers.

No Wonder They're Tough

They're tough and they have stayed tough—these soldiers now jumping in North Africa for Uncle Sam. They're tough because they're the kind of guys who'd volunteer for the kind of job they've got. They have stayed tough through a rigid but friendly discipline, long forced marches with full equipment four times a week, and frequent tours over an obstacle course that would rip pantywaists asunder in two seconds.

Here is one of the dearest of those obstacles, just to give you an idea: a deep pit about 20 feet long and 12 feet wide, filled with scrambled coils of barbed wire and smoking pots. Laid lengthwise across this peril-fraught chamber was a thin, slippery log. The para-soldier was made to negotiate his way on hands and knees across this log; and if he was unlucky enough to all—well that wasn't any bed of roses.

Casting modestly, like a paratrooper, to the winds, every man here believed his was the best trained, best prepared, best equipped — and best — paratrooper outfit in the world. With proper respect the unit has taken to heart and to mind the lessons learned by helicopter troops of friend and foe in actual combat. The unit has "gone on from there" and produced a number of innovations, particularly in fire power and camouflage, that bode no good for the enemy.

Washington

By JACK STINNETT
Wide World Features Writer

Washington — The problems of civilian morale in the war effort sometimes make those of military morale look like two times two compared to an explanation of the Einstein theory.

When Defense Transportation Chief Joseph B. Eastman asked the federal offices to cancel all Christmas leaves and most of them did, you could almost cut your way through the gloom that pervaded government offices here.

Roughly, there were 300,000 government workers in Washington. What percentage of those actually live here and have their families here is not known. Many proudly call Washington their home, but caution that's a different story — home is where the folks are.

The general depression resulting from that order caused so much havoc that personnel and recreation officials went into a higher gear than it was ever known before they had.

In recent weeks, thousands of government workers have received Christmas dinner invitations from "friends" whose names they never heard of. Parties galore have been organized for the holiday period. Churches here are doubling their usual programs of buffet suppers and Christmas pageants. The USO and similar organizations are working almost as hard on taking care of the government girls as they are on seeing that the expected influx of soldiers get an unalloyed Christmas.

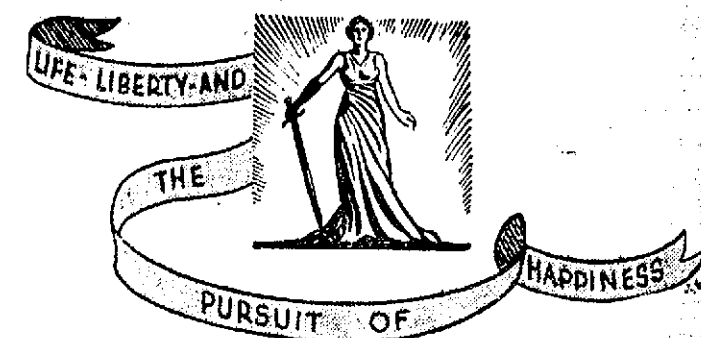
To bolster civilian worker morale further and combat the complaint that "were war workers, too," the ODT rushed into print with a detailed explanation that not more than 10 per cent of the men in any of the army camps would be absent during the December 12-January 10 period and that all such leaves were being arranged so that there would be no travel on Christmas eve or Christmas day.

The prospective crisis has probably been averted. Within a week or so after the announcement was out, the gloom had lifted halfway to the ceiling in nearly all government offices.

The payoff is that the government's wise ones are now saying that the ODT has probably bitten off its nose, etc. When government employees found they couldn't go to the mountains, the mountains (being the GW's families) decided the alternative was to come to visit their little Mohameds.

As a result, Washington may well be the most overcrowded city in the nation during the holidays, and the transportation problem in and out of here several times what it would have been had ODT said nothing at all about where Uncle Sam's nephews and nieces should spend Christmas.

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Everyone is happy to have Christmas come. Its spirit has a way of bringing to the surface, for outward expression, the cordial feelings of goodwill which friends and loved ones have for each other every day of the year.

Regardless of what the coming years hold for you and yours, whatever the disappointments may be, we trust you will remember that our thoughts are of our friends and we are seeking the brighter side of things that may result in peace, happiness and contentment for all.

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CORDIAL GREETINGS

AND A NOTE TO SANTA—

We know you are busy—so's everybody else. We just want to remind you that here in this community are the finest folks in the world, and we are hoping that you will remember them well in your Christmas Eve travels. Our friends here are deserving of all good things. Please don't forget them!



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THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

Are enhanced by the thoughts of the splendid associations which have been ours in the past. It reminds us of the loyalty of our hosts of friends in the area. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

GUNTER LUMBER COMPANY

Answers to Some Questions on Victory Tax

Washington, Dec. 23. 23 — (AP) — Just in case you've forgotten, the new victory tax becomes effective Jan. 1 and from then on your weekly pay checks will be a continuing reminder that something new has been deducted.

As its Christmas present to the taxpayers, the House of Representatives has issued a series of questions and answers intended to put the public help to the new levy.

Here they are, as prepared by Representative Daniel A. Reed, New York Republican and approved by the House:

Q: What is the so-called victory tax?

A: It is a new type of individual income tax, which is imposed in addition to the regular income tax.

A: Five per cent of the income in excess of \$12 per week, or \$624 annually.

Q: Does the \$624 exemption apply to both married and single persons?

A: Yes; allowance for the married status is provided under the post-war credit which is allowed, the amount being larger for married persons than for single persons.

Q: Does the 5-per cent rate apply to the entire income if it is greater than \$624 per annum?

A: No; only to the amount in excess of \$624.

Q: Is allowance made for interest payments, charitable deductions, and so forth, as is the case under the regular income tax?

A: Not in the case of wages and salaries. These deductions are allowed if incurred in carrying on a trade or business. An individual who is in business can also deduct other business expenses, including the cost of goods sold. In other words, the tax applies to the gross income in the case of wages and salaries, and to the net income of individual's trade or business.

Q: What is the post-war credit which is allowed in connection with the victory tax?

A: Single persons are allowed a credit of 25 per cent of the amount of their victory tax, and married persons a credit of 40 per cent, plus two per cent for each dependent. In no case, however, can the credit exceed \$500 in the case of a single person, \$1,000 in the case of a married person, or \$100 for each dependent.

Q: Does a person have to wait until after the war to get the post-war credit?

A: It may be used currently, at the option of the taxpayer, as a deduction for life insurance premiums paid, for amounts paid on outstanding indebtedness or for amounts invested in war bonds. For example, if a married person's victory tax amounted to \$100, he could reduce his liability by 40 per cent, or \$40, if he had paid out that much or more during the year for life insurance premiums, mortgage payments, or war bond purchases. Thus his net victory tax liability would be \$60. However, if he chose, or if he had made no such payments during the year, he would pay the full amount of the victory tax, and thereby become entitled to receive, after the cessation of hostilities, a post-war credit of \$40 for the year. If only part of the victory tax credit is used currently, the balance is refundable after the war.

Q: How is the post-war credit payable?

A: It will be allowed as an offset against any taxes due from the taxpayer after the cessation of hostilities. Any balance will be refunded to the taxpayer immediately.

Q: Does the taxpayer have to file a separate return in connection with the victory tax?

A: No; it will be computed on the regular income tax return.

Q: How is the victory tax paid?

A: It is deducted automatically from your salary by your employer, under a withholding provision.

Dolly Madison held the first U. S. presidential inaugural ball.

Christmas Greetings

If we could take by the hand every one of our friends on this recurrence of the Christmas Season, and express our wishes for a day of real joy and a year of beautiful returns, our Greeting could not be more sincere than to say to you "A Right Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year."

Hope Furniture Co.
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Merry Christmas

Today and every day, we greet you with all the sincerity that is in our hearts, and with a deep feeling of appreciation for your thoughtfulness during the year now closing.

UNIQUE CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sprouse

May the Lights of Your Christmas Tree be Undimmed...

May they be even brighter than ever before in reflecting the true happiness of the Yuletide Season. The remembrance of many favors that have been ours in the past leads us each year to look forward to the opportunity afforded by the Christmas Season to extend our good wishes to our good friends in this community. In our way of thinking these friends are invaluable and furnish us with cheerful and happy thoughts, particularly during times like the present. It is refreshing to look back upon these associations, and we eagerly look forward to a continuance of them. It makes for happier living and strengthens our belief in mankind. The Season's best to everyone.

Allen Electric Service

Look Out, Alaska



LOOK OUT, ALASKA. You're apt to get your signals crossed up there, now that these comely young ladies, recruited for civil service jobs with the Signal Corps, are heading northward. Hum-m-m, and there are 25 men to every woman in the frozen north. (U. S. Signal Corps photo.)

"Ninety-Day Wonders" Build Own Tradition of Naval Heroism

By TOM WOLF
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

New York, Dec. 23. — The Navy's new "Ninety-Day Wonders"—the young reserve officers trained in comparatively few months at special schools all over the country—are building their own traditions of guts and gallantry that can stand side by side with Annapolis' best.

Take the class of 50-odd young men who were graduated as officers from a Navy training school in Chicago in the service less than six months—most of them commanding gun crews on merchant ships—but already half a dozen have been torpedoed and at least one has lost his life in action. Rescues Classmate

By one of those quirks of fate that makes truth incredible, one young ensign, Wirt P. Hoxi, of Waterloo, Ia., got his first news of one of his classmates, Lieut. Joseph Bailey, when he rescued 18 of the crew of the torpedoed merchantman on which Bailey had commanded the armed guard. boats, including Lieut. Bailey's, had been picked up after a week of sailing in the torrid South Atlantic. The third was missing—until Ensign Hoxie sighted its red sail on the horizon a few days later and, gingerly, lest it be a submarine trap, went to the rescue. A month later Hoxi himself was torpedoed.

Latest and most dramatic of the action stories that are making the class' history comes from Ensign Harry Brown, who left a pretty blond wife and a Chicago law practice to join the Navy. Brown's fight was as with the sugarmine that sank him. He was returning in convoy through the North Atlantic. It was hurricane weather, with winds up to 120 miles an hour and seas so mountainous that the men had to be taken off the after gun because waves were crashing right over the stern.

So violent was the weather that the ship couldn't maintain her position in the convoy. She had to head into the wind, pull out of rank to keep from being blown onto the other vessels. The torpedoes struck just before midnight. The merchantman took a starboard list and swung sideways into the wind. By the time that Brown reached the after gun it was under water, out of action.

The captain estimated she'd go under within a few minutes. The torpedoes' concussion had wrecked all the lifeboats save one. Miraculously they got it into the raging sea. Over 40 men managed to crawl down the scrambled nets and squeeze in. The captain, first mate, steward, a Navy gunner and Ensign Brown stayed aboard the ship.

Abandons Search
Brown started to check the ship for any hands left. When he got to the crew quarters, amidship in the main deck, the water was up to his waist. Further search was useless.



... waited for the raft to ride up on a crest, and jumped—a stunning 20 feet to the crazy heaving patch of safety.

to the floor strips as best they could. Brown was washed off three times. Twice he got back under his own power. The third time his gunner managed to grab his trouser leg and fish him back.

Fought for Seven Hours
For seven hours they fought the cold and seas to hang on. Then a rescue vessel sighted them. She'd been searching all night, though none among her crew believed they'd find survivors in seas like this.

Still the ordeal was not over. The rescue ship couldn't launch a boat in this weather. By maniacal seamanship she was maneuvered, without untold mangle to her propellers, the raft and the men on it, alongside the raft. They tried to secure it, but each time the mangle snapped. There was nothing to do but jump.

When the waves hurried the raft to crest, the men jumped for the rescue ship's scramble net. Four, Brown among them, made it safely. The fifth missed his grip, fell back into the ocean and was lost.

An hour later the rescue ship spotted the lifeboat. Only five of omre than 40 were left. Only five were clinging, semi-conscious, to her small keel—their only grip on life for the nearly eight hours they spent in the sea after the overcrowded boat capsized hardly twenty minutes after getting away.

Old Timers Top Scorer
College Park, Md. (AP)—Jack Wright, husky junior fullback from Baltimore, led the University of Maryland football team in scoring for the season with 43 points in 26 attempts after Maryland's 30 touchdowns.

We are not fortunate above all other nations because of our natural resources so much as in the character of our institutions and people.

Army Weeds Misfits Early in Training

By PETER EDSON
Washington Correspondent
For the United States Army, with the war just a year old, the incidence of psychopathic cases has been much lower than many N. P.'s, or neuro-psychiatrists, had predicted. True, the number of men who have been in actual combat has perhaps not yet been as high as that reached in the last war, so blitzkrieg at its worst has not had full chance to play its tricks on American mental stability.

But even for the troops in training there was a psychological background which might have led to an expectancy of more nervous breakdowns. In the pre-Pearl Harbor period, men brought up in a generation of peace were suddenly put in the Army against their will. Then Congress prolonged the draft period.

From these two factors alone, psychiatrists anticipated numerous defects they didn't develop with any more frequency than in the last war. Principal reason there have been no more mental cases in the American Army come from the fact that there has been a much closer psychiatric examination of men inducted into service.

Ever since the last war there has been particularly since 1926, there had been general staff study of the use of psychiatric examination for drafted men in the Army's mobilization plans. When Selective Service did become a fact in 1940, however, there weren't enough psychiatrists available to man every one of the 6500 draft boards. Preliminary screening tests were of course given by the medical examiners on each board, and the obvious misfits for military life were culled out.

A double check
Each quota of drafted men was then re-examined at the induction centers of which there was a qualified psychiatrist to double check the men passed by the local boards. Under this double screening, men rejected for psychiatric reasons numbered about five or six to the hundred. Today, under new methods of examination, with only the most rudimentary check at the induction centers, the number of men rejected as mentally or nervously unsuited for army life runs as high as 8.4 per cent.

Most soldiers being inducted into the Army have probably not been aware that they were being psyched. They have noted that the man at the end of the examining row, he last doctor to give them a going over, has been a kindly man who had been content to ask a couple of innocent questions. This last doctor would of course have the advantage of physical examinations made by officers at the head of the line, and on the man's card would be reports on heart, lungs, reflexes and so on. With this data from the regular physicians and his own quick checkup on the incidence of mental or nervous disease in the family history, the psychiatrist might find clues to identify likely psychiatric cases. Then would come the questions.

Did the soldier like to go out with girls? Normal boys do. Surprise answers to that question sometimes gave a clue to perversion.

Did the soldier have any objections to going in the Army? Unusual replies may have given the clue to psychological misfits.

Had any of the man's relatives ever had a nervous breakdown? Psychiatric cases sometimes run in families.

Pershing Had Trouble
Those are rough, hurried tests, but they have prevented the Army from being saddled with many future mental cases, which is no small saving. After U. S. troops got to France in the last war, General Pershing had to cable the War Department asking for more careful psychiatric examination

of men sent overseas. For the entire U. S. Army in the last war, there were some 100,000 neuro-psychiatric casualties. They occurred at the rate of 32 per thousand in the U. S., 17 per thousand in the A. E. F. That shows it is essential to eliminate psychiatric cases.

The saving is great. From 1923 to paid out nearly \$1 billion for the care of neuro-psychiatric cases resulting from the last war. Of the 90 Veterans Administration facilities maintained today, 27 are exclusively for mental cases—33,000 of them. The cost for each case has been about \$30,000.

That's why the big effort is made today to keep out of the Army men who may break down.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today A Year Ago — Associated Press survey showed that \$517,382.107 was wagered at nation's race tracks in 1941 compared to \$416,654,882 in 1940.

Three Years Ago — Pittsburgh Pirates sent Pitcher Cy Blanton and Infielder Jack Juchacz to Syracuse chiefs of International League in part payment for Pitcher Johnny Gee.

Five Years Ago — Connie Mack, manager of Philadelphia Athletics, celebrated his 75th birthday with many of his former stars in attendance at his party.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press
Cleveland — Anton Christoforidis, 166, Cleveland, outpointed Nat Bolden, 172, Chicago, (10); Lulu Costantino, 129, New York, outpointed Joey Pirrme, 134, Cleveland, (8). New Bedford, Mass. — Lee Murray, 155, Norwalk, Conn., outpointed Ted Lowry, 176, New Bedford, (10).

New York — Herbie Katz, 173 3-4, Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy Gordon, 175 1-2, Tampa, Fla., (1).

Jersey City, N. J. — Cannon Ball Gibson, 123, New York, outpointed Jose Domingo Roza, 127, South

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Hollywood, Dec. 23 — (AP) — This could happen some place else except Hollywood, but it probably wouldn't.

Sgt. Milton Cohen of Brooklyn, a handsome young trooper, was on duty at a headquarters where Christmas presents for soldiers are being collected.

A comely redhead who had been deluging the depot with gifts for three days approached the sergeant with a blank check in her hand and light of patriotism, or something, in her eyes. "If you'll marry me," she told Cohen, "you can fill this out yourself."

"I never knew the army was like this," Cohen commented later. "Gosh, I've got a girl in Brooklyn."

He didn't divulge the beautiful redhead's name, but said she told him she is the daughter of a wealthy Oklahoma oil man.

It is expected that 60 million feet of steel tubing will be needed in building the airplanes needed for service in this war.

America, (8).

Los Angeles — John Thomas, 135 1-2, Los Angeles, stopped Lew Jenkin s, 137, Sweetwater, Tex., (5).



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